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SUBJECT: MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO TOLD ME APRIL 29 THAT HE FAVORED RESUMING MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS IN BAGUIO ON JUNE 14, AFTER THE CELEBRATION OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL DAY ON JUNE 12. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ WILL REMAIN IN WASHINGTON THROUGH JUNE 12, OR WHETHER HE WILL BE HERE PRIOR TO THAT DATE.

2. IT WOULD BE MY SUGGESTION THAT WASHINGTON MEMBERS OF U.S. NEGOTIATING PANEL PLAN TO ARRIVE MANILA ON OR ABOUT JUNE 7 IN ORDER TO MAKE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS. I SHALL, OF COURSE, ATTEMPT TO EXTORT PHILIPPINE "COUNTERPROPOSALS" FROM DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRIOR TO THAT DATE. GIVEN PAST TRACK RECORD, I AM NOT SANGUINE WE WILL HAVE ANYTHING IN WRITING BEFORE TALKS OPEN.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH CONSULT WITH AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ ABOUT HIS SCHEDULE, HIS UNDERSTANDINGS CONCERNING PHILIPPINE PREPARATION OF "COUNTERPROPOSALS" AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT MAY GUIDE US WITH RESPECT TO HIS
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INTENTIONS. PENDING EVALUATION OF HIS REPLIES, I WOULD

RECOMMEND THAT U.S. PLANS REMAIN FLUID, IN THE BEST
MANILA TRADITION.
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